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God's Smuggler

LORD, I HAVE
BIBLES FOR YOUR
CHILDREN ACROSS
THIS BORDER!

YOU HAVE
MADE BLIND
EYES SEE!

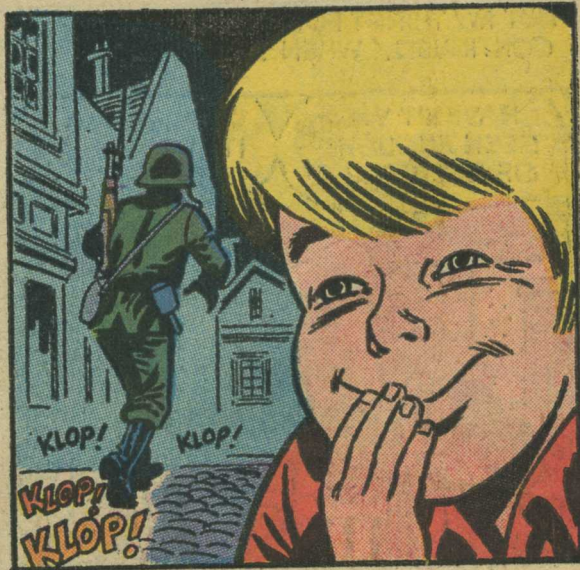
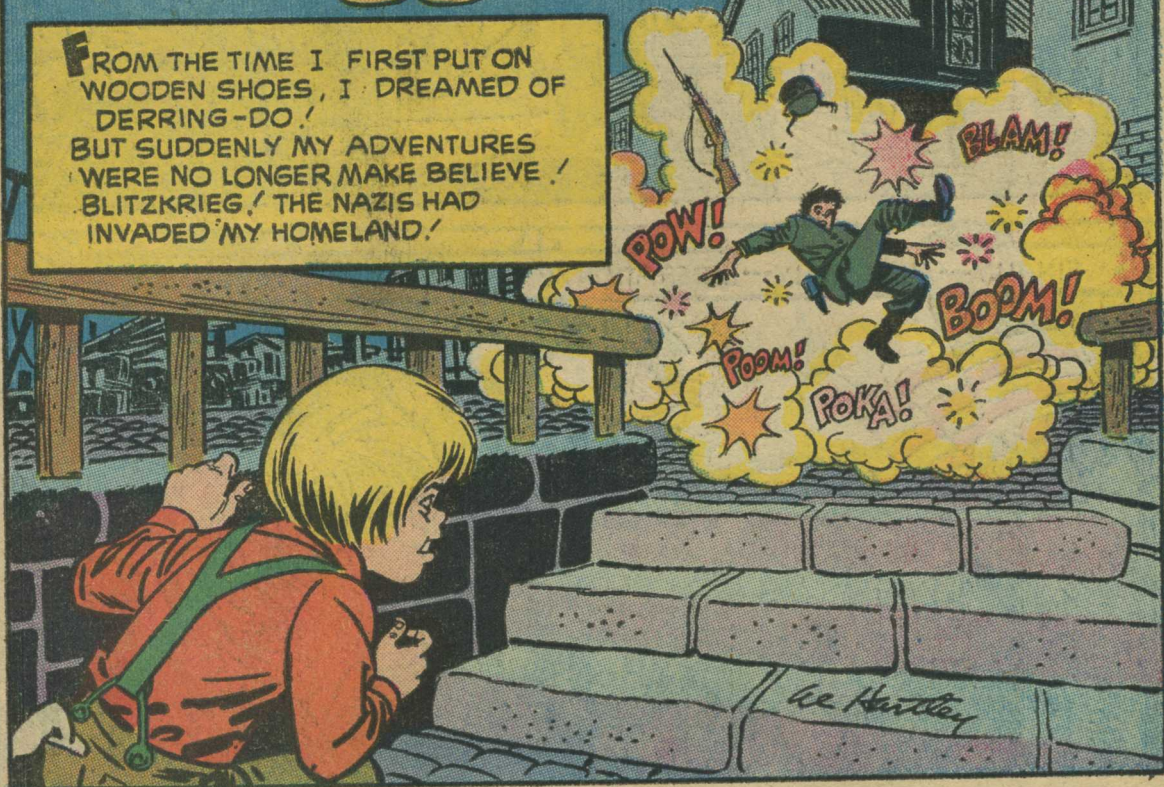
PLEASE
MAKE
SEEING EYES
BLIND!



Lee
Hartley

God's Smuggler

FROM THE TIME I FIRST PUT ON WOODEN SHOES, I DREAMED OF DERRING-DO! BUT SUDDENLY MY ADVENTURES WERE NO LONGER MAKE BELIEVE! BLITZKRIEG! THE NAZIS HAD INVADED MY HOMELAND!

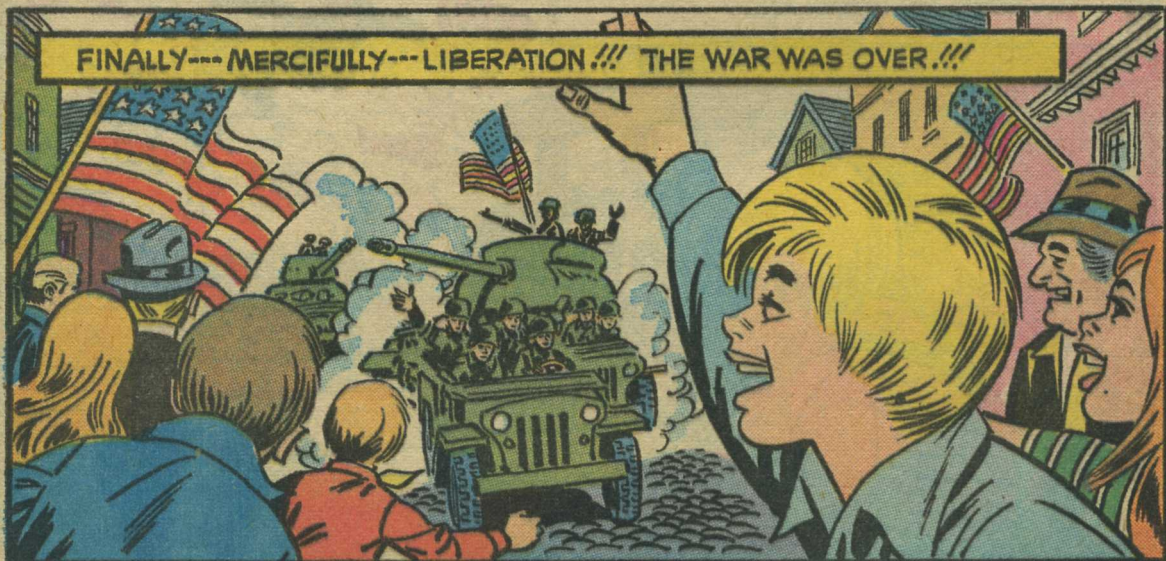


**BUT JOKES AGAINST THE NAZIS
CEASED TO BE FUNNY AS THE
OCCUPATION DRAGGED ON.!**

**BEFORE I WAS 14, I WAS
JOINING THE FLIGHT TO ESCAPE
DEPORTATION TO THE FORCED
LABOR CAMPS OF GERMANY.!**



FINALLY--- MERCIFULLY--- LIBERATION !!! THE WAR WAS OVER.!!!



**BUT MY THIRST FOR ADVENTURE
CONTINUED. WHEN I WAS 18 ---**



HAVEN'T WE
SEEN ENOUGH
OF SOLDIERS ?

OH, MAMA!
IT'LL MAKE A
MAN OF HIM.!



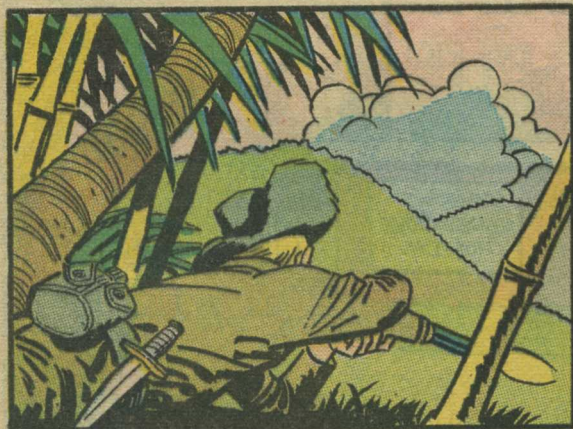
I WANT
ADVENTURE,
MAMA.!

I PRAY THAT
THE ADVENTURE
YOU FIND WILL
SATISFY, ANDREW.!

AND SO I ARRIVED IN INDONESIA
TO TAKE BACK OUR COLONIES FOR
THE QUEEN !



SUDDENLY TARGETS WERE NO
LONGER PIECES OF PAPER ! THEY
WERE FATHERS AND BROTHERS JUST
LIKE MY OWN !!!



WHAT
AM I
DOING
HERE ?

WHAT IS THIS
MADNESS ALL
ABOUT ?



WHEN THE SKIRMISH ENDED,
THE REAL BATTLE BEGAN !
AND THERE WAS NO ESCAPE !

LIVE, DRINK
AND BE MERRY,
ANDY !

TOMORROW
WE MAY
DIE !

WHY
?

WHY
???



THEN, IN AN AMBUSH---



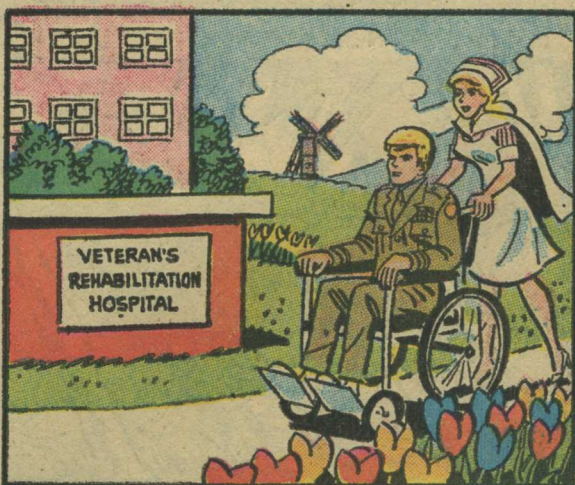
I HAD ALWAYS IMAGINED MYSELF GOING OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY, SHOWING CONTEMPT FOR THE WHOLE HUMAN FARCE!



YOU'LL NEVER WALK WITHOUT A CANE!



AND SO MY GREAT ADVENTURE ENDED— IN DISASTER!!!



DON'T BE BITTER, SOLDIER---

LET ME READ TO YOU!



HER NAME WAS CORRIE AND SHE READ WITH SUCH FEELING, I DIDN'T MIND THAT IT WAS FROM THE BIBLE!

---MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS---

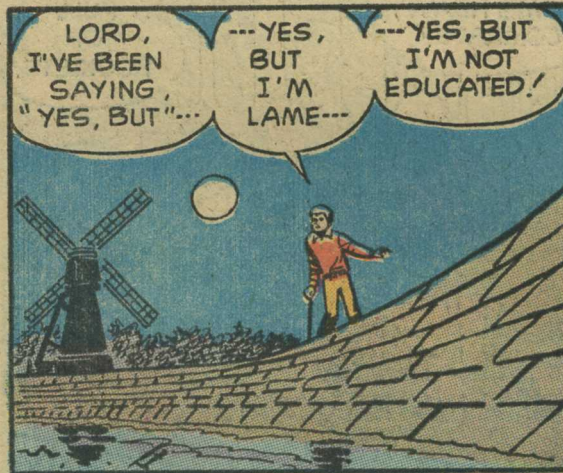




I SEARCHED THE BIBLE FOR GOD'S PROMISES AND MORE AND MORE I FELT HIS LOVE POURING INTO MY LIFE! BUT I COULDN'T SEE HIM WANTING ME!



AND THEN ONE NIGHT, OUT ON THE DIKE, I TOOK THE STEP OF YES!



MY STEP OF FAITH CARRIED ME FURTHER THAN I DREAMED---



WE KNOW
THAT ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE
IN HIM!

THIS IS
ONLY THE
BEGINNING,
ANDREW!

SOON I
ENROLLED
IN A
SEMINARY
AND LEARNED-
THAT MY GOD
WAS TRULY
A GOD OF
MIRACLES!
HE WAS
LEADING ME
IN THE
ULTIMATE
HUMAN
ADVENTURE!

IT STARTED WITH AN
INVITATION---AND MY LIFE HAS
NEVER BEEN THE SAME!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
ATTEND THE WORLD YOUTH
FESTIVAL IN PRAGUE, IT
CAN BE ARRANGED!

I JUMPED AT THE CHANCE!
SHORTLY I WAS BEHIND THE
IRON CURTAIN WITH THOUSANDS
OF OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE FROM
ALL OVER THE WORLD!

YOUR
SUITCASE
SEEMS HEAVY..
COMRADE!

YES!
IT'S
FULL OF
BOOKLETS!

SPLENDID! MARX
SAID WE WOULD
CONQUER THE WORLD
WITH 26 LEAD
SOLDIERS - THE
ALPHABET!

YOUR
LITERATURE
CONCERNS
THE CLASS
STRUGGLE?

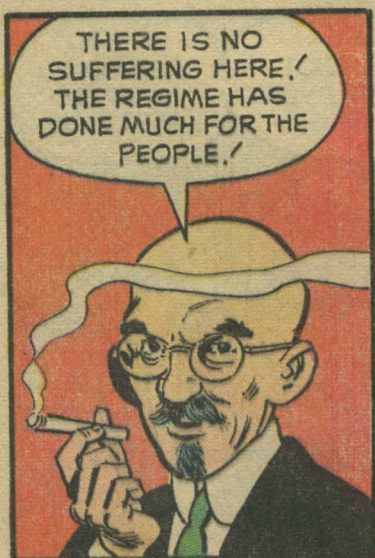
HAVE
ONE!

YOU CAN TALK
ABOUT COMMUNISM!

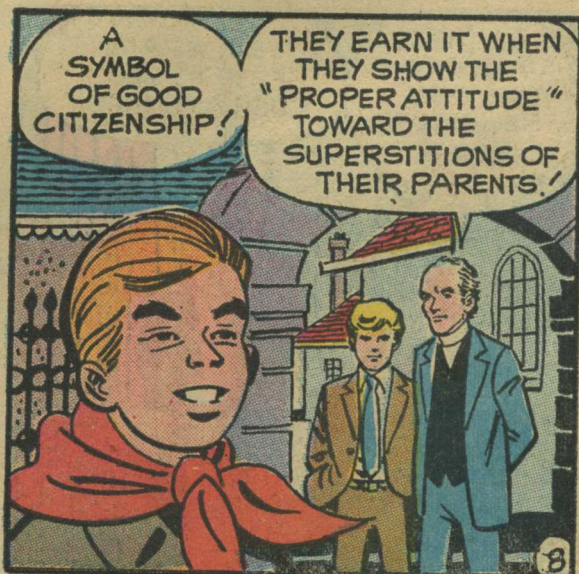
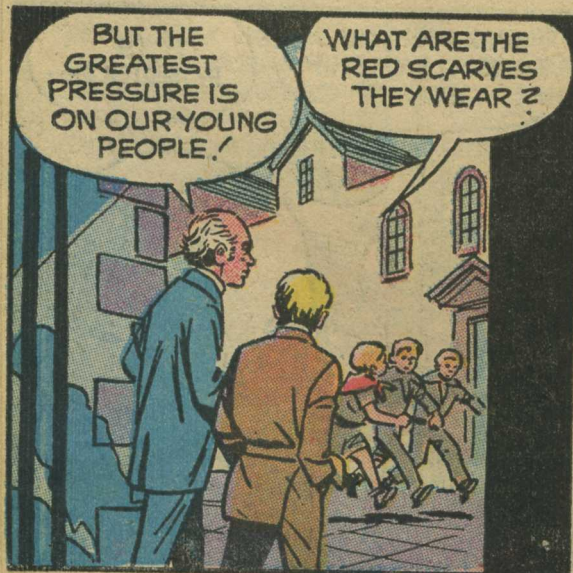
I WISH TO TALK
ABOUT JESUS CHRIST!

God's
Love

THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS CAME TO THE WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN PRAGUE! BUT MY PURPOSE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THEIRS--- I WANTED TO OBSERVE THE QUALITY OF RELIGION BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN!



LATER, I LEARNED MORE OF THOSE
POSSIBILITIES ---









IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT CAN I DO TO GET BIBLES TO THOSE PEOPLE AND TURN THE TIDE?



YOU CAN DO NOTHING, ANDREW!

BUT GOD CAN DO EVERYTHING!



DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS I WROTE MAGAZINE ARTICLES ABOUT THE NEED TO HELP CHRISTIANS LIVING UNDER COMMUNISM!



AND I SPOKE WHEREVER I COULD---TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO CARE!

SOON MONEY BEGAN TO ARRIVE!
ENOUGH TO BUY BIBLES AND FINANCE MY FIRST ADVENTURE AS GOD'S SMUGGLER !!!



AS I APPROACHED THE BORDER OF YUGOSLAVIA, I SAID A PRAYER I WOULD REPEAT MANY TIMES!

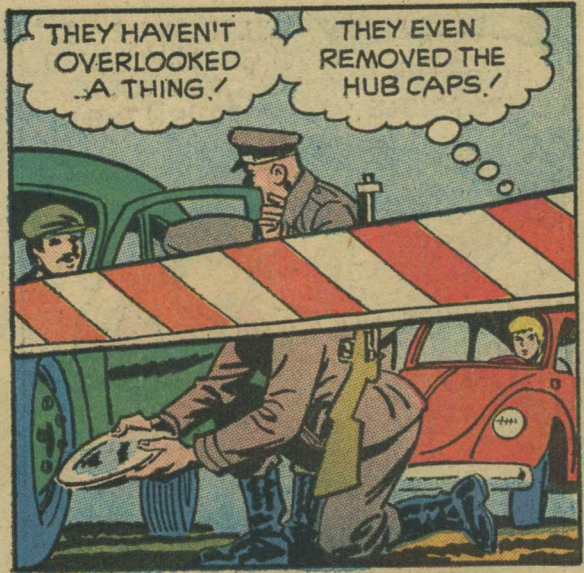
LORD, IN MY LUGGAGE I HAVE BIBLES FOR YOUR CHILDREN ACROSS THIS BORDER!

YOU HAVE MADE BLIND EYES SEE---

PLEASE MAKE SEEING EYES BLIND!



THE GUARDS HAVE SPENT AN **HOUR** SEARCHING THE CAR AHEAD OF ME!



THEY HAVEN'T OVERLOOKED A THING!

THEY EVEN REMOVED THE HUB CAPS!



THERE'S NO WAY OF HIDING THE BIBLES!



OH, LORD, DON'T LET THE GUARDS SEE THOSE BIBLES!



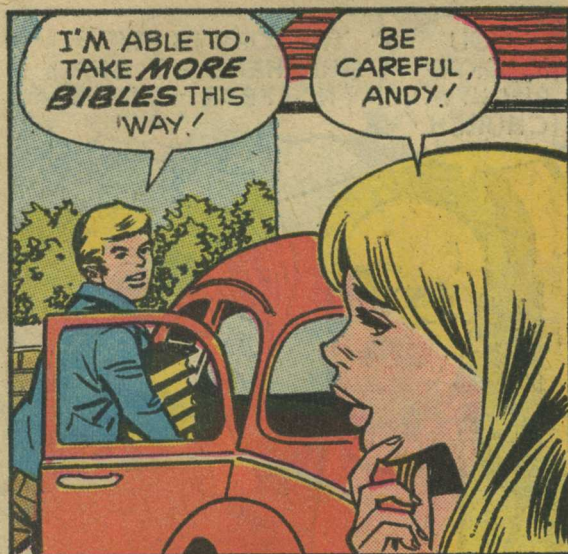
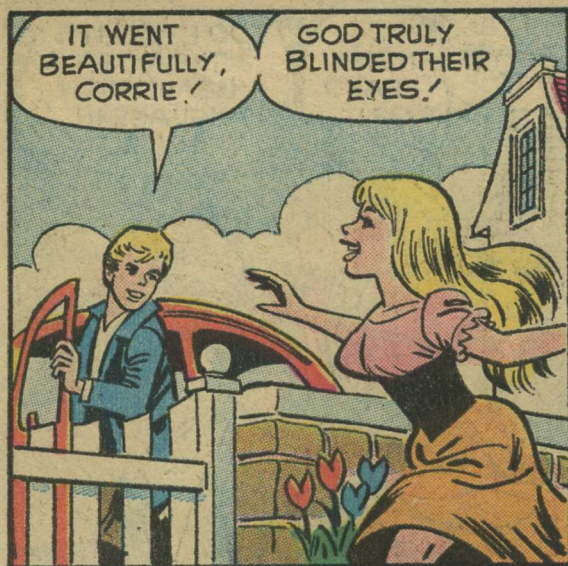
MOVE ALONG!

YOU'RE CLEAR!

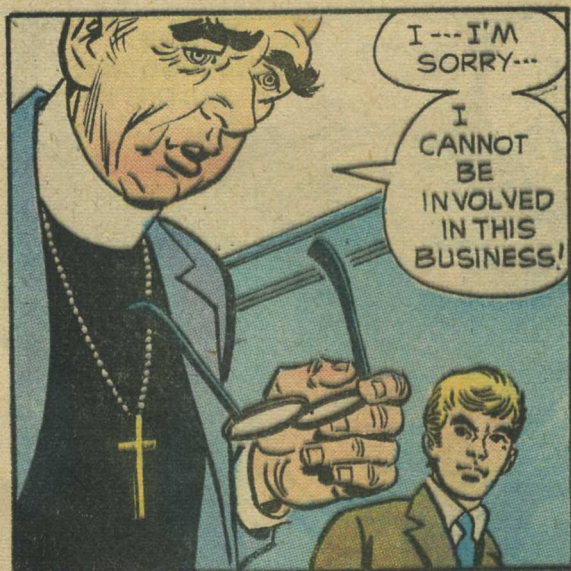
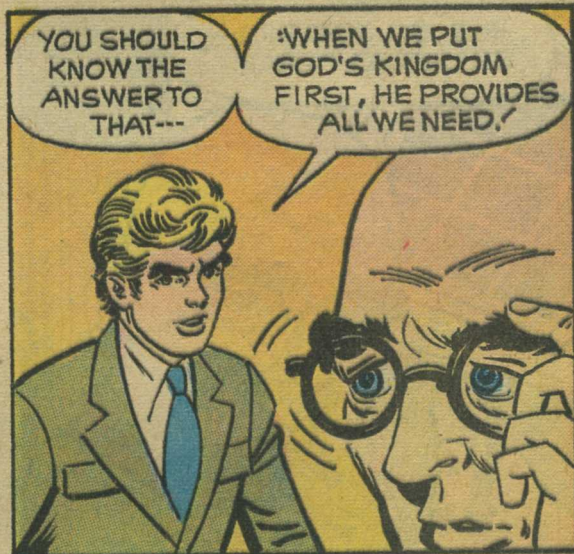
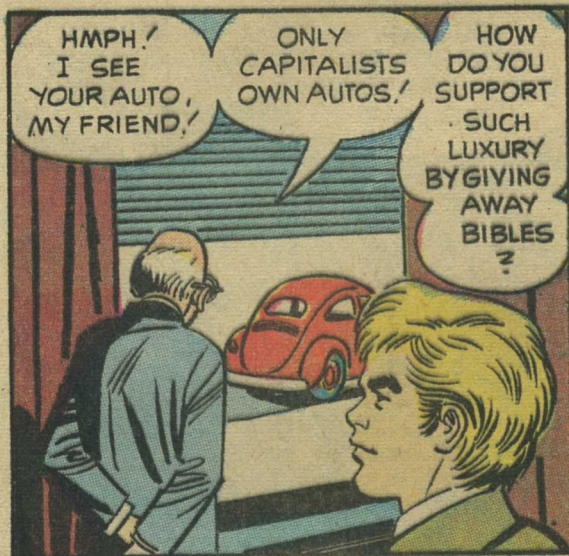
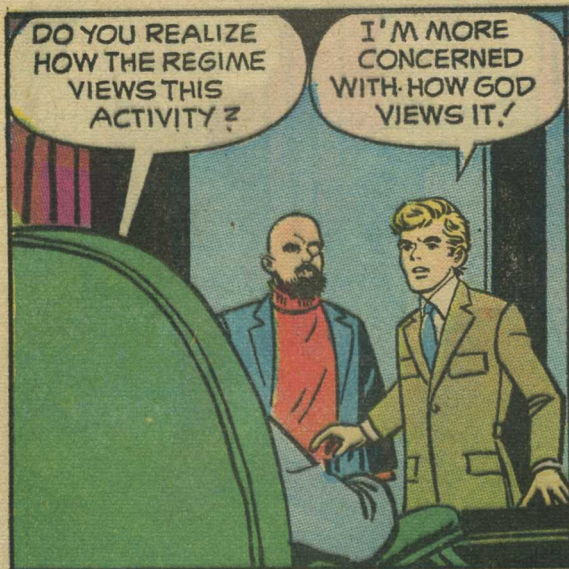


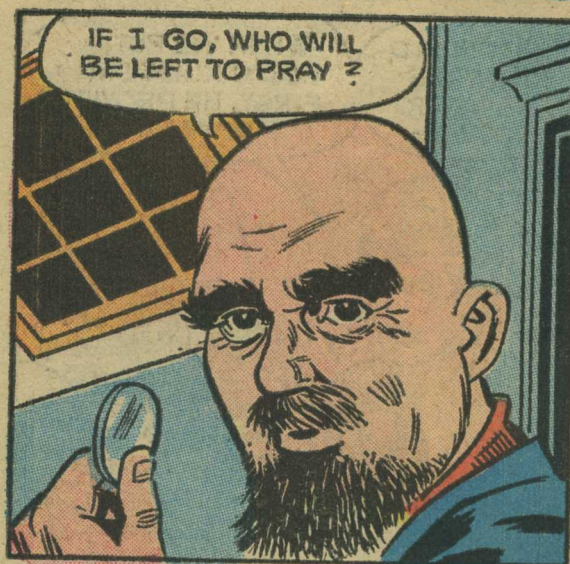
ANDREW!

I BROUGHT GIFTS!

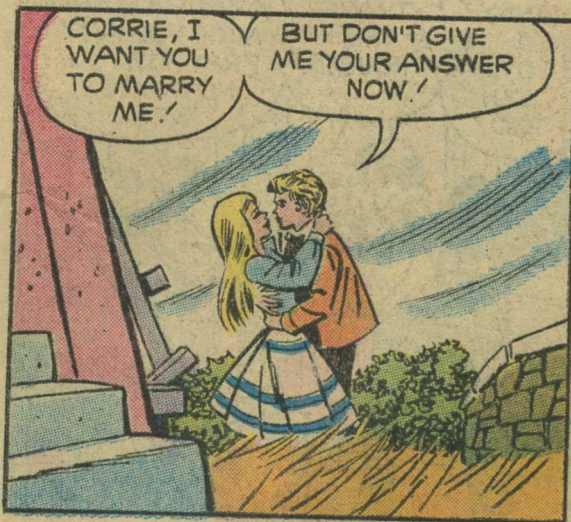






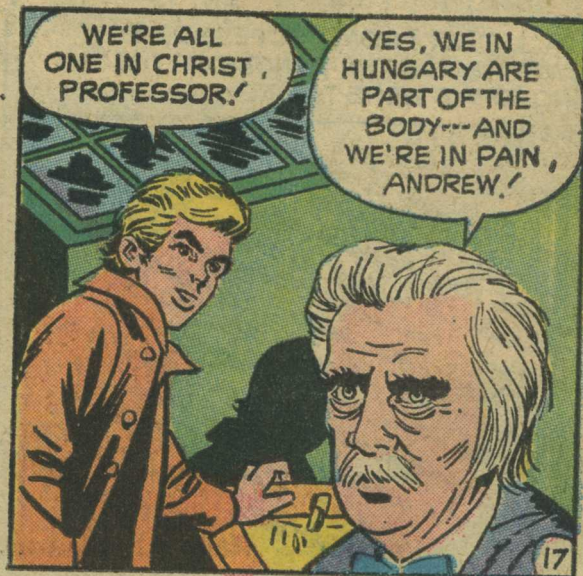
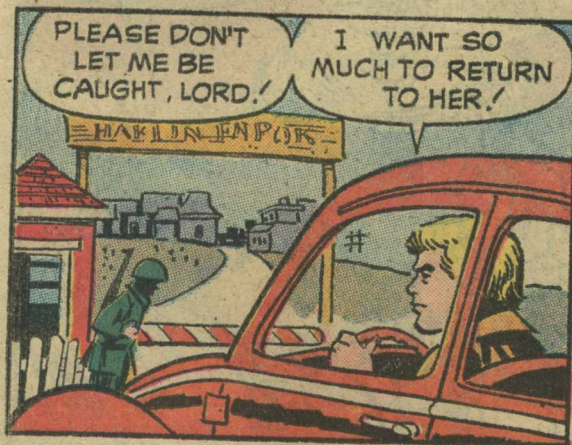


AND SPEAKING OF LOVE---

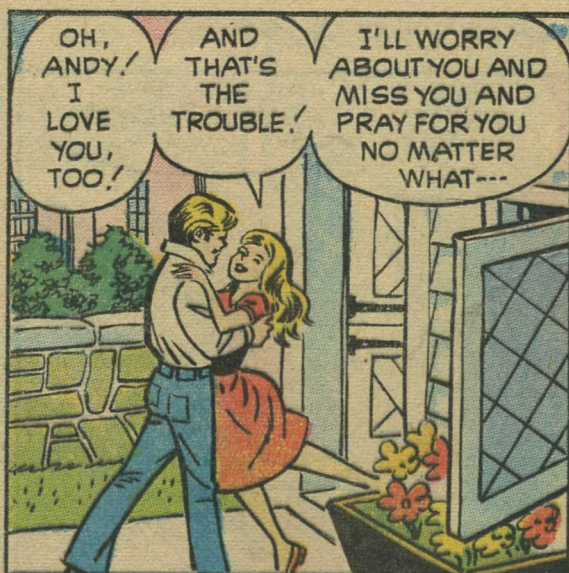


I FELT THE SEPARATION WOULD TEACH CORRIE SOMETHING---I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH IT WOULD TEACH ME!

I HAD THE ADDRESS OF PROFESSOR B IN BUDAPEST---



THE TRIP HOME SEEMED LONGER THAN EVER ---



A LETTER FROM PROFESSOR B EMPHASIZED THE DANGER OF THE ROAD WE WERE TAKING ---

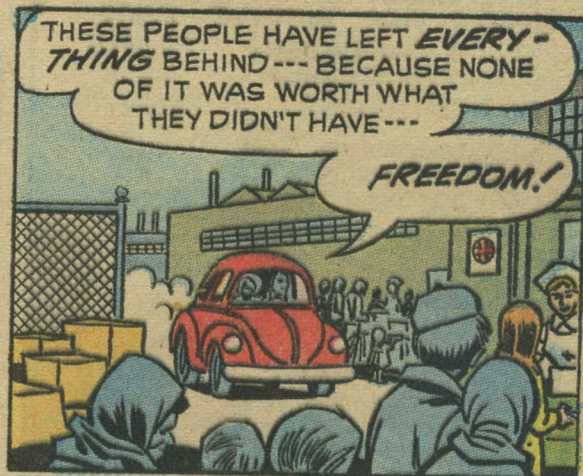
Dear Andrew:
I believe I should share with you something that has happened. Do not think it is the result of your visit... it was coming anyhow. I have been forced to resign from the University. Do not feel sad. Many have given up far more for their Saviour. You will not hear from us anymore. Our mail is censored. This letter is being carried by a friend.

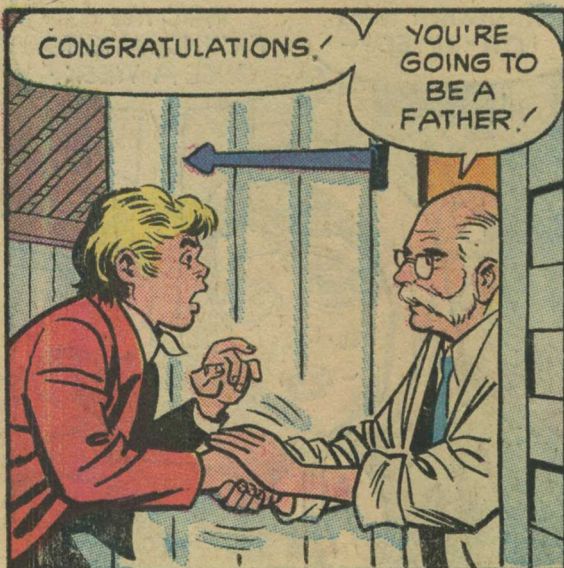
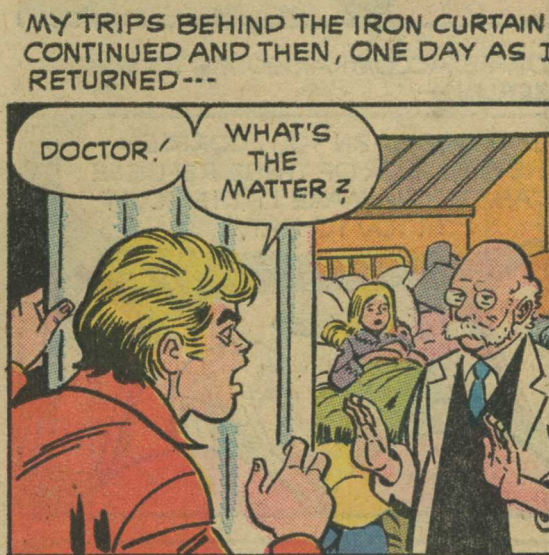


AND SO, CORRIE AND I MOVED INTO MY ONE LITTLE ROOM ---



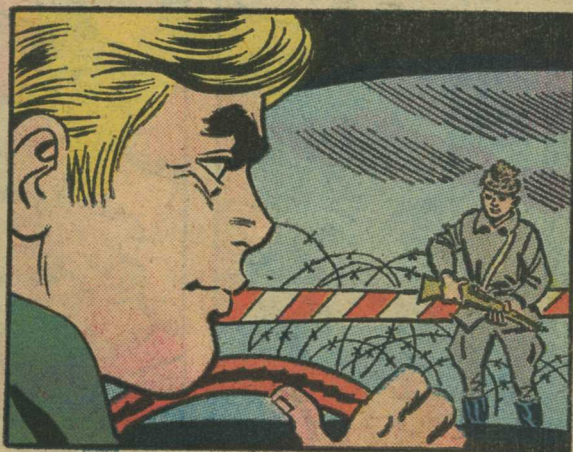
CORRIE ACCOMPANIED ME TO WEST BERLIN ---







YES, THERE WAS TIME--- TIME TO WEIGH THE RISKS OF MY ADVENTURE NOW THAT I WOULD BECOME A FATHER---



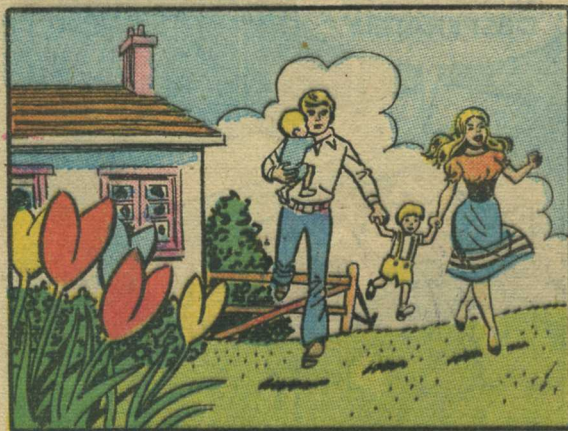
EVERY PART OF EVERY TRIP WAS BATHED IN PRAYER---





IN GOD'S AMAZING GRACE THERE WERE MANY ADVANCES! BLESSINGS POURED INTO MY LIFE! CHILDREN! A HOME OF OUR OWN!

AND THEN GOD SENT HANS TO JOIN ME ---



HANS WAS EXCITED ABOUT OUR FIRST TRIP TOGETHER-- INTO RUSSIA!



AGAIN THE LORD PERFORMED HIS MIRACLE. THE BORDER GUARD WAS MORE INTERESTED IN OUR VW ENGINE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.



AMAZING!
WE'RE THROUGH!

SLOW DOWN HANS!

WE MUSTN'T TROUBLE THE LORD WITH A SPEEDING TICKET!



WE'LL ATTEND THIS SERVICE, HANS, AND ASK THE LORD TO POINT OUT SOMEONE WE CAN TRUST.



I BELIEVE HE'S OUR MAN!

THE VERY ONE THE LORD SHOWED ME!



BROTHER, THE LORD HAS DIRECTED US TO YOU FOR A VERY SPECIAL PURPOSE---

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MIGHT BE?



I--- I HAVE TRAVELLED 2000 MILES FROM THE EAST TO GET HERE---

MY CHURCH HAS 150 MEMBERS AND NOT ONE BIBLE!

THE LORD TOLD ME I WOULD FIND A BIBLE IN MOSCOW!



WE HAVE TRAVELLED 2000 MILES FROM THE WEST TO BRING YOU THIS BIBLE!

AND WE HAVE MORE!

MEET US HERE TOMORROW!





PERHAPS
THERE IS
SOMEONE
ELSE ?

MARKOV!

I'LL
ARRANGE A
MEETING!



BUT BE
CAREFUL!

WHAT
ABOUT
THESE
?

WILL YOU
RISK
SOMETHING
TAKING
THEM ?



FOUR
BIBLES
?

THAT'S NOT
A VERY
SERIOUS
ECONOMIC
CRIME!

PERHAPS
FOUR
MONTHS
IN JAIL!



BUT 100 BIBLES!
10,000 RUBLES
WORTH OF
PORNOGRAPHY!
WHY A MAN
COULD--

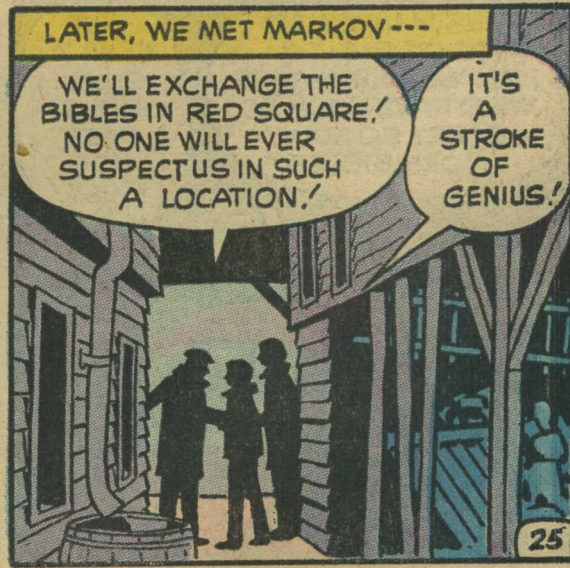
PORNOGRAPHY
!!

WHAT
DOES THAT
HAVE TO DO
WITH US ?



NOTHING !

BUT IF YOU'RE
CAUGHT, THAT'S WHAT
THEY'LL ACCUSE YOU
OF SELLING!



LATER, WE MET MARKOV---

WE'LL EXCHANGE THE
BIBLES IN RED SQUARE!
NO ONE WILL EVER
SUSPECT US IN SUCH
A LOCATION!

IT'S
A
STROKE
OF
GENIUS!

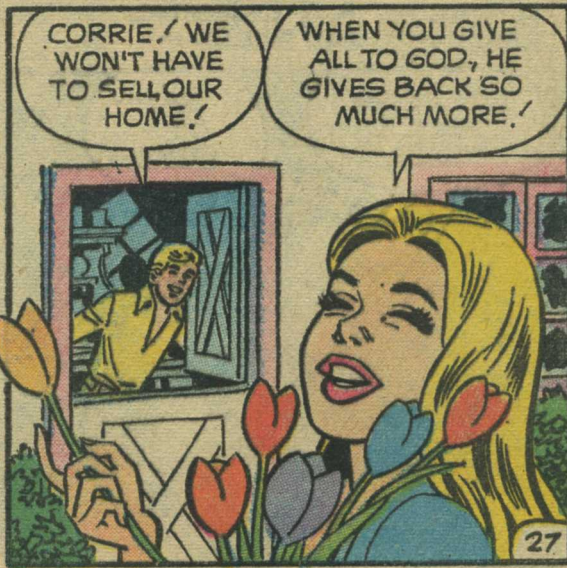


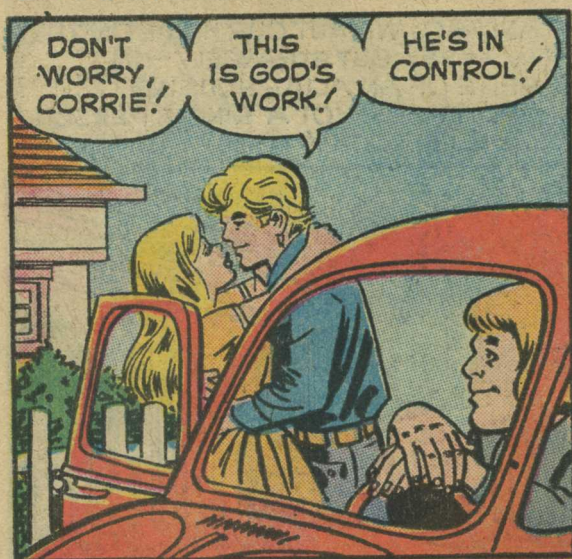


AND SO, WE PUT OUR HOME ON THE MARKET! BUT STRANGELY--IN SPIKE OF AN ACUTE HOUSING SHORTAGE--NOT A SINGLE PERSON CAME TO LOOK!

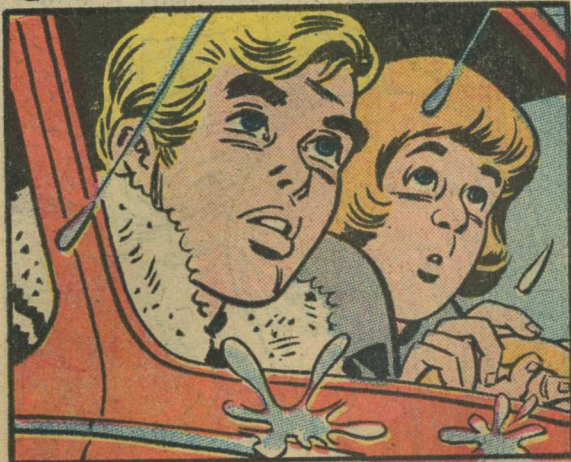


AND THEN I HAD A TELEPHONE CALL---





GOD AGAIN PERFORMED HIS MIRACLE AT THE BORDER, AND THEN HE DID SOMETHING ELSE ---



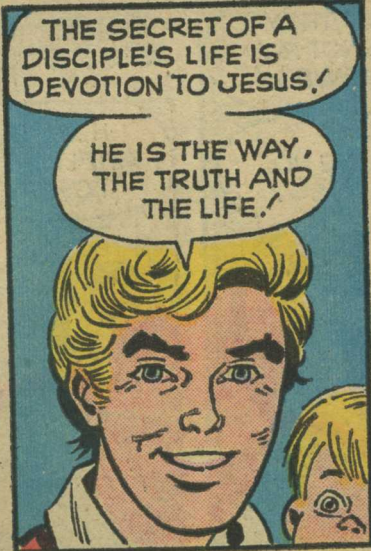
IT WAS AS IF A CELESTIAL RESERVOIR HAD BURST---

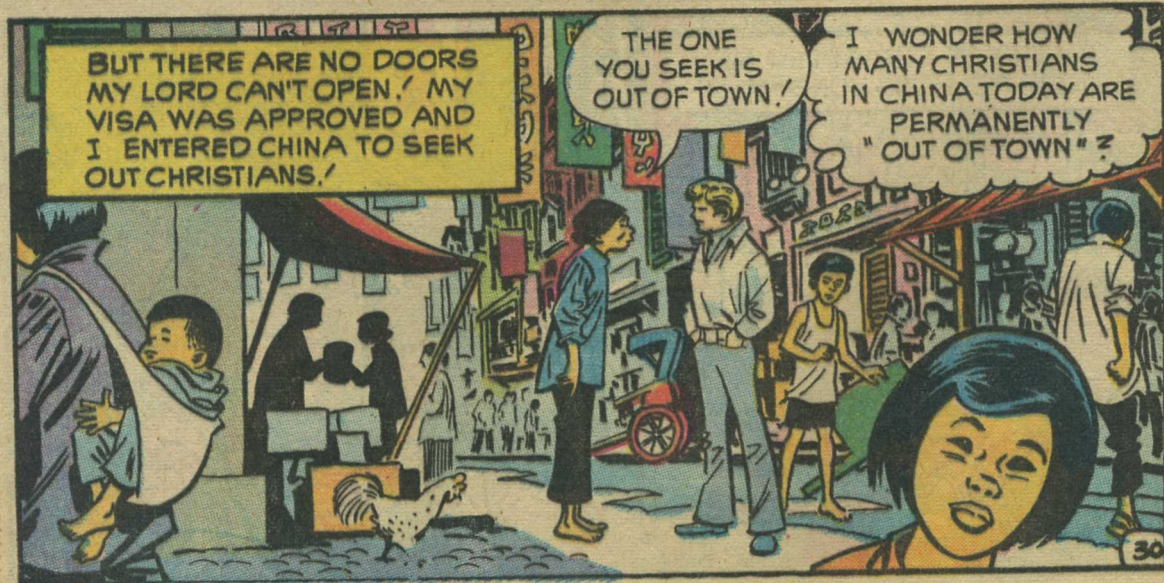


THE LORD'S BLESSINGS CONTINUED!

OUR TEAM GREW TO 12 MEMBERS MAKING REGULAR TRIPS INTO COMMUNIST LANDS!

AND AT HOME, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE BECAME INVOLVED!







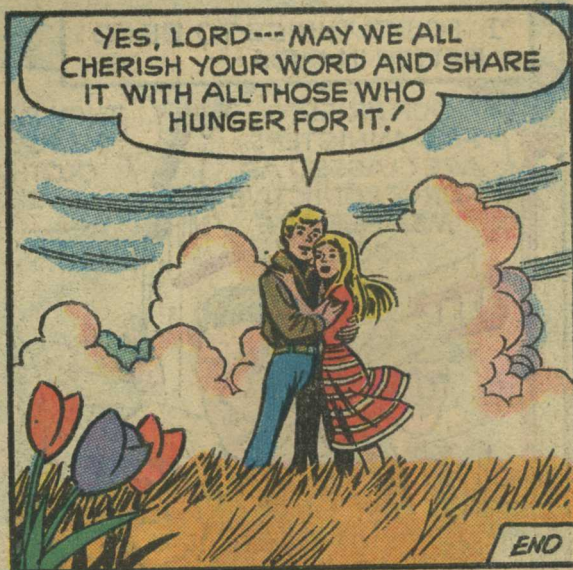
I FOUND THINGS TO BE NO BETTER IN CUBA---

OUR PRIESTS AND MINISTERS ARE CLASSED AS NON-PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY!

THEY RECEIVE NO FOOD OR CLOTHING RATIONS!

OUR PASTOR NOW WORKS AT FORCED LABOR WITH CONVICTS IN THE SUGAR CANE FIELDS!



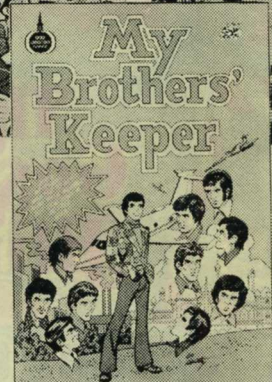
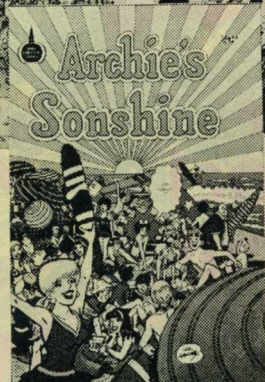
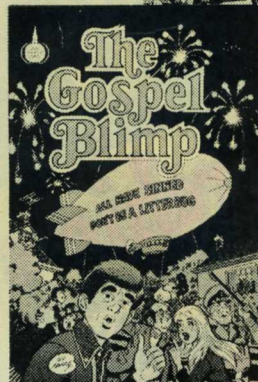
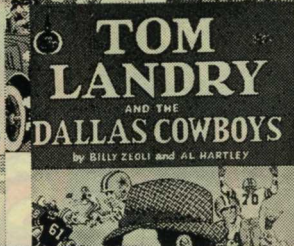
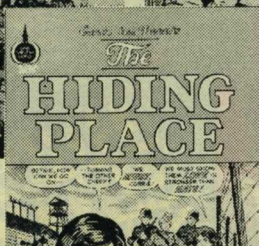
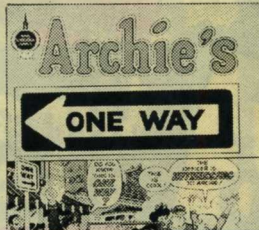
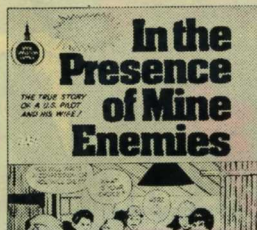
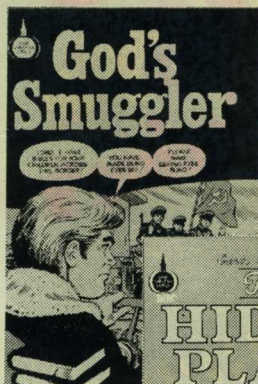


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